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CONDUCTING MULTIPLE TESTS

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2-288750, published November 28, 1990.

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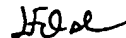
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